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Join us Saturday,  
**April 24 for the 32nd  
ANNUAL DOWNTOWN  
PARADE,**  
**Castro Street,**  
**12:00 noon.**  
**Rain or shine!**  
*See page 4 for more  
information.*

## UPDATE OF GENERAL PLAN MOVES FORWARD

The process of updating the City's General Plan continued throughout the last half of 2009. Several more neighborhood meetings, which included Mountain View residents, stakeholders and representatives from the City, were held to gather ideas about how Mountain View should be developed in the years to come.

Input from these meetings is being used to help create options and goals for future land use decisions in the City. The City Council and the City's General Plan Project Advisory Committee will continue to guide this update process in 2010. The City is currently preparing a preferred General Plan land use option, along with related policies, for public review and comment.

The City's General Plan update will also include policies and strategies related to improving community health. Other communities across the country are also actively addressing community health issues through their general plans.

To help educate the public on this important issue, the City co-hosted the Healthy Silicon Valley Peninsula Breakfast in November. Speakers from several cities, including Mountain View, presented information and strategies on how to incorporate health related policies into general plans.

For more information on the City's General Plan update, visit [www.mountainview2030.com](http://www.mountainview2030.com) or call the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Don't miss these annual community events this Spring:

**Electronic Waste Recycling Event – March 6**  
**Arbor Day Celebration – March 13**  
**Paper Shredding Event – March 13**  
**Downtown Parade – April 24**  
**Citywide Garage Sale – May 1**  
**Community Yard Sale – May 8**  
**Library Family Picnic – June 10**  
**Victorian Costume Promenade – July 4**

Check out  
the Community  
Calendar of Events  
on page 7 for more  
information

## BUDGET DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11

Mountain View began its budget development process early for Fiscal Year 2010-11 because the fiscal challenges facing the City are significant. Traditional City budget cycles generally begin in the Spring, but due to the nature of the fiscal complexities facing the City, it has necessitated an earlier-than-normal process. The City Council first met to discuss the Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget in late June and then again in September 2009. There were two "City Budgeting 101 and City Services" informational workshops for residents held in November and subsequent information provided to the City Council in a budget workshop in late January 2010. In the January budget workshop the City Council discussed a number of subjects related to the City budget, including:

- The financial situation for the current fiscal year and projections for future fiscal years
- The goal of a structurally balanced budget
- Principles to guide budget decisions
- A proposed three-prong approach to reaching a structurally balanced budget
- Cost-recovery fees for services
- Long-term strategic initiatives
- Community involvement

While there was no formal action taken at the budget workshop in January, the City Council did offer guidance to staff to help in the preparation for future budget sessions. Most notable of the considerations was that there was a consensus by the City Council on a three-prong approach to addressing the City's projected deficit of \$5.0 million for Fiscal Year 2010-11. Generally, it was noted that reductions in operations, increasing revenue and expenditure cost containment would be the three pronged approach addressing the budget. There was consensus that the City needs to look even more closely at increasing revenue and that there was general interest in having staff develop a draft policy to guide decisions on setting fees for services. Additionally, it was noted that the City will continue to provide information to the community on the budget process via Council meetings and other City resources, including the City's newsletter, website, outreach through the City's General Plan process, and the City's "Ask Mountain View" on-line system (see page 3 for more information).

### General Fund Challenges

It is the City of Mountain View's goal to keep residents informed about the budget process, how the City is financed, and this relationship to City services. In the last edition of the City's newsletter, *The View*, for Winter 2009-10, the City provided a primer on the budget challenges facing the City and some of the core concepts that are helpful in understanding how your tax dollars are at work providing City services. This background information, as well as timely updates on the budget process are available on the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). In this edition of *The View* newsletter, the City continues to provide information related to the budget development for Fiscal Year 2010-11 (see ways to stay informed on page 2 of this edition).



## CENSUS DAY IS APRIL 1, 2010

During March households throughout the United States will receive a 2010 Census questionnaire that includes ten questions and takes about ten minutes to complete. It's important that everyone living in Mountain View complete and return the Census form by April 1 because the data from the form is used to apportion Congressional seats, to help determine the distribution of Federal funds to local and State governments, and to plan for the construction of new roads, schools and hospitals.

Everyone is required by law to participate in the Census. Federal law protects the personal information you share during the Census count from being used for any other purpose. The confidential information provided in the Census will help provide an accurate picture of the community in the year 2010.

The City is helping to ensure that all of our residents will be counted by working with agencies in the region, including the local U.S. Census Office in Mountain View, Santa Clara County, the State of California, and the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more information, visit [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) or call (650) 903- 6301. Or check out these web sites:

- Census 2010 Website (the Official U.S. Census Bureau): <http://2010.census.gov>
- "Be Californian. Be Counted." California Complete Count: [www.census.ca.gov](http://www.census.ca.gov)
- Santa Clara County Office of the County Executive Census 2010: [www.sccgov.org/portal/site/census2010](http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/census2010).

If you need help filling out the form because you are not an English speaker, or have difficulty reading or writing, help is available. Large-print questionnaires are also available to the visually impaired upon request, and a Teletext Device for the Deaf (TDD) program will help the hearing impaired. For assistance and more information, call the Santa Clara County Office Census 2010 hotline at (408) 299-6404, or the Mountain View City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301.

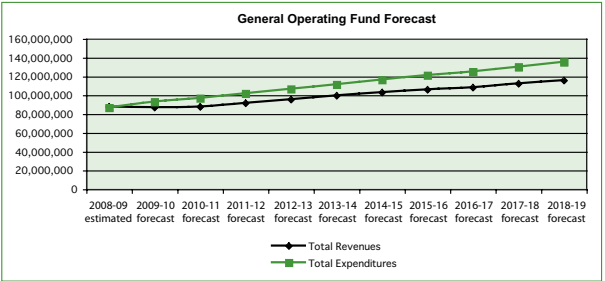
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BUDGET DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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The City is confronting a situation where projected budget expenditures will exceed revenues. The City completed a long-range financial forecast in January 2009 to project revenue and expenditure trends for the next 10 fiscal years. The future challenges are significant and require the development of a budget balancing strategy. The chart below shows the forecast if corrective measures are not taken.



The City is a service organization and provides a complex variety of services that includes public safety, water/sewer, park maintenance, recreation, senior services, arts and culture, street maintenance, water, planning and zoning, building inspection, economic development, library, trash, recycling, and Shoreline at Mountain View. The General Operating Fund is the fund that is most under pressure as it provides the main funding for the City's Operating Budget and the City's core services and programs. General Operating Fund revenues are subject to changes in economic conditions and can fluctuate significantly; therefore, based on the recent economic downturn, the General Operating Fund has been impacted greatly.

Over the last decade, the City has addressed changes and fluctuations in the General Operating Fund with reductions that were designed to limit the impact on the community by looking at all possible efficiencies. This time, the choices ahead are more difficult and it is anticipated they will likely affect City service levels. For Fiscal Year 2010-11, the City is currently facing a projected structural budget deficit (operating revenues not meeting operating expenditures) of \$5.0 million. The structural deficit is part of a very challenging financial time in which the City has been confronted with a decline in the number of revenue sources as well as operational cost increases.

Next Steps

The Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget development process will continue through Spring 2010 with budget adoption in June. A meeting held on February 23, 2010, reviewed a range of potential expenditure reductions. It is then anticipated that the City Council will provide feedback at that meeting (no final decisions will be made at that time). Thereafter, follow-up Budget Study Sessions will be established. (Check out the information on page two for ways to stay informed about the budget process including meeting information).

Stay Informed About The City's Budget Process

- Visit City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).
- Sign up for budget updates by sending an E-mail to [citybudgetinfo@mountainview.gov](mailto:citybudgetinfo@mountainview.gov).
- Subscribe to budget E-mail notifications on-line on the City's web site at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).
- Sign up with your E-mail to on-line service "Ask Mountain View" and request budget information.
- Contact the City Manager's Office at (650) 903-6301 with comments and/or questions.
- Call the City budget information line for recorded information or to leave a message at (650) 903-6656.
- Check out this and future editions on the City's web site of *The View*, the City's newsletter available on-line, in City facilities and to local residents.
- Tune in to the cable broadcast of scheduled budget meetings on cable TV KMVT Channel 26.
- Visit and download webcasts of City Council meetings anytime on the City's webpage.

IT PAYS TO SHOP IN MOUNTAIN VIEW

Did you know that every time you shop at stores or dine in Mountain View the City receives 1% or roughly one cent of every taxable dollar spent? Sales and hotel tax revenues account for approximately 21% of the revenue used by the City's General Operating Fund. The General Operating Fund (see budget story in this issue) supports the majority of the basic services and programs local residents and businesses rely on, including police and fire services, recreation and park services, and library services.



Every time you shop locally or dine in Mountain View, you help support and maintain the quality of City services Mountain View residents have come to expect from the City and that make Mountain View such a desirable place to live.



SIGN UP FOR THE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Santa Clara County began implementation of a new Alert and Warning Call Out System last Fall that enables officials to notify residents of large-scale emergencies, such as earthquakes, fires, crimes, hazardous material spills and infectious diseases, by calling their landline and cell phone and sending text messages and E-mail. Currently, the County has the landline number for most county residents in its database. In order to make the system more effective, the County is asking residents to register their cell phone numbers and E-mail addresses and to check to see if their land-line is listed by going to [www.alertscc.com](http://www.alertscc.com). For more information about the new system, call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825.

Sign up today at [www.alertscc.com](http://www.alertscc.com)

PRESCRIPTION DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

The City of Mountain View is offering all residents a prescription discount card that may be used to help lower the cost of medications when they are purchased at participating pharmacies. Residents may pick up a money-saving discount card at any of the following locations:

- City Hall, located at 500 Castro Street
- Community Center, located at 201 South Rengstorff Avenue
- Mountain View Public Library, located at 585 Franklin Street
- Senior Center, located at 266 Escuela Avenue
- Child Care Center, located at 260 Escuela Avenue
- Police and Fire Administration, located at 1000 Villa Street

The prescription discount cards are part of an effort by Mountain View and the National League of Cities to try to lower the cost of medications. The discount cards can be used when purchasing prescriptions at participating pharmacies in Mountain View and at more than 59,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country. This program can help make it easier to afford prescriptions.

Learn about which pharmacies participate in the discount prescription card network by calling (888) 620-1749 or online at [www.caremark.com/nlc](http://www.caremark.com/nlc). For more information about the program, call (650) 903-6309.



**Easy Access** This prescription discount card is brought to you by your city government in collaboration with the National League of Cities. Nine out of 10 pharmacies nationwide participate in this program, including many in your city. Save an average of 20% off the regular retail price of prescription drugs.

**No Restrictions** You and your family may use your discount card anytime your prescription is not covered by insurance. There are no restrictions and no limits on how many times you may use your card.

**Extra Savings** As part of this program you will also be eligible for higher discounts on select medications. To get program information, locate a pharmacy, look up a drug price, or access health resources visit [www.caremark.com/nlc](http://www.caremark.com/nlc), or call toll-free 1-888-620-1749.

Accepted by all major pharmacy chains nationwide

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**City Mission Statement**  
The City of Mountain View provides quality services and facilities that meet the needs of a caring and diverse community in a financially responsible manner.



# WATER CONSERVATION LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE

The City Council will consider a landscaping ordinance focusing on water conservation later this Spring. The ordinance is in response to new State laws mandating water reduction, water supply cut-backs by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and drought concerns.

The goal of the ordinance is to reduce outdoor water use by requiring more water-efficient landscape and irrigation practices for some new residential, commercial and industrial construction. These practices may include:

- Limits on the size of turf areas
- Low water use plants
- Installation of dedicated landscape water meters and automatic irrigation controllers
- Irrigation system efficiency and operating requirements
- Restrictions on irrigation times
- Placement and maintenance of mulch on exposed soil surfaces



See  
pages 6 -7 for helpful water  
conservation information



The proposed ordinance will first be presented to the Environmental Planning Commission for review and comment before going to the City Council for review and action. These meetings will provide time for public comments regarding the ordinance.

For more information, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306 or the Public Works Department's Public Services Division at (650) 903-6329.

# CITY TAKES STEPS TO SAVE ENERGY

The City of Mountain View has implemented several energy-efficiency projects that will not only lower City energy usage and costs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and also result in the City receiving financial incentives from Pacific Gas & Electric Company to offset some of the costs of purchasing and installing the improvements.

- Replacing metal halide lighting fixtures with more efficient LED bi-level fixtures in the underground parking garage at the Mountain View Public Library.
- Retrofitting high-pressure sodium post-top lights with induction lights in Pioneer Park and the Civic Center Plaza.
- Replacing high-pressure sodium lighting fixtures with more efficient LED bi-level fixtures in the Bryant Street Parking Structure.
- Upgrading the lighting control system for the Civic Center complex to allow centralized control and automatic scheduling of lighting.

The City will continue to implement additional energy-efficiency improvements as they are identified. For more information, call the Business and Internal Services Division, Public Works Department at (650) 903-6329.



# DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

The City is currently moving forward with proposals for several new private developments in Mountain View. For more information on these proposals, as well as other development projects in the City, contact the Community Development Department at (650) 903-6306.



## 455 San Antonio Road

This Spring, the City is expecting a proposal for the redevelopment of 16.3 acres at the San Antonio Shopping Center. Preliminary plans include new retail and residential buildings that would replace the buildings that are currently occupied by Sears, Sears Tire Center, Sports Authority and Rite Aid.

## 209-405 West Evelyn Avenue

The City is preparing to schedule public hearings on a proposal to develop 67 residential units on the current commercial site located at 209-405 West Evelyn Avenue. The project would include three-story attached row houses and a mixture of two-story and three-story detached houses.

## 425-455 West Evelyn Avenue

The City Council will consider a proposal to build two new residential buildings on the Minton Lumber site at 425-455 West Evelyn Avenue. The buildings would range from two to four stories with a total of 213 units. The project would include underground parking for the housing.

# ASK MOUNTAIN VIEW: GET THE ANSWERS YOU NEED

You can easily E-mail City staff with questions, concerns and compliments 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week by using the 'Ask Mountain View' feature found on the City's website. The new Ask Mountain View system provides a list of topic areas, so that questions can be routed to the correct City department and staff member, helping to ensure a speedy reply during business hours.

From tree issues to street repair, from recreation programs to building licenses, Ask Mountain View can help you find the information you're looking for and the staff member who can help. Just visit [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) and click on 'Ask Mountain View' to ask a question, make a comment or get more information.





You can register  
for Recreation classes  
on line by visiting [http://  
online.activenetwork.com/  
mvrecreation](http://online.activenetwork.com/mvrecreation).

Inside this issue: Check out the  
Recreation Guide inside this issue  
of the View to register for Spring  
and Summer classes and activities.

## ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION MARCH 13

Mountain View will celebrate Arbor Day on Saturday, March 13 in Pioneer Park, on Church Street between City Hall and the Library. All activities are free and open to the public. The celebration begins at 10:15 a.m. with a children's Arbor Day reading presentation in the Mountain View Public Library. Activities follow in the park with a tree planting at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy children's arts and crafts, face painting, a guided tree walk, and complimentary hot dogs and drinks. Public agencies and volunteer environmental groups will provide information about trees, composting, recycling and conservation. A tree climbing demonstration by the Forestry Division is also scheduled. Enjoy live music performed by 'Harmony Grits'.

Mountain View's Annual Arbor Day ceremony will be celebrated rain or shine. For more information, contact the Forestry and Roadway Landscape Division at (650) 903-6273.



## MAYOR'S YOUTH CONFERENCE WINS STATE AWARD

The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) has recognized the City of Mountain View with its 2009 Award of Excellence in Recreation and Community Services. The award honors the City for its work in Youth Development with the 2009 Mayor's Youth Conference, which focused on breaking down barriers and celebrating diversity. CPRS has approximately 4,000 members, representing 525 local parks and recreation agencies throughout California.

There  
is fun to be had right  
here in Mountain View this  
Spring and Summer—for all ages.  
Community activities abound  
for any interest!



## DOWNTOWN PARADE APRIL 24

Mountain View's 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Family Parade marches down Castro Street on Saturday, April 24. The parade begins at noon on Castro Street at Villa Street and this year's theme is 'Explore the Great Outdoors'.

The fun continues until 3:00 p.m. with children's activities, music, entertainment and food in Pioneer Park, located just behind Civic Center Plaza at 500 Castro Street.

If you or your group would like to participate in the parade, you will find more information and registration deadlines at

[www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). Find the Library, Arts, Parks and Recreation tab, then click on Community Events. For additional information, call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331.

## CELEBRATE JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> AT SHORELINE AMPHITHEATRE

The City of Mountain View will once again co-sponsor the annual July 4th celebration at Shoreline Amphitheatre, featuring the San Francisco Symphony and a spectacular fireworks display. Mountain View residents will be eligible to receive a limited number of free and discounted tickets. Additional ticket and event information will be available in May. For more information about the event, call the Shoreline Amphitheatre Box office at (650) 967-4040 or visit the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov).

## FREE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

The following programs are available to young people this Spring at no charge.

Middle school students: Visit the "House" Teen Center at 298 Escuela Avenue, where hours have been expanded. The House is now open Monday-Thursday from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday nights from 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Middle and high school students: Visit the two locations of Mountain View's teen open gyms, the Whisman Sports Center and the Mountain View Sports Pavilion, on Saturday nights from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

High school students: Attend job and volunteer fairs at each of the City's high schools this March, sponsored by the City of Mountain View, the Mountain View Los Altos High School District and NOVA. In addition, there will be a variety of community workshops to help students learn to write resumes and learn interviewing skills.

College bound high school students: This Spring, the Recreation Division will provide experts in SAT preparation, college planning and college application skills at special workshops for local students. In addition, the City will sponsor field trips to local community colleges, state colleges and universities.

For more information about all of these opportunities, visit [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) and click on Teen Services under the Library, Arts, Parks & Recreation tab or call (650) 903-6331.



## FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS

Do not miss Mountain View's free Outdoor Movie Nights this summer, co-sponsored by the Mountain View Youth Advisory Committee and the City of Mountain View Recreation Division. Movies begin at 8:30 p.m.

- July 16: Cuesta Park: "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" (PG)
- July 23: Eagle Park: "The School of Rock" (PG-13)
- July 30: Crittenden Park: "Kicking and Screaming" (PG)
- August 6: Sylvan Park: "Matilda" (PG)
- August 13: Rengstorff Park: "Over the Hedge" (PG)
- August 20: Whisman Park: "Up" (PG)

For more information on the Summer Outdoor Movie Night series, call (650) 903-6410.

## FREE CHILDREN'S THEATRE IN THE PARK

Peninsula Youth Theatre (PYT), in partnership with the City of Mountain View will present free children's theater productions this summer at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

See fairy tales and other children's stories—a different 45-minute production—each Friday evening at 6:30 pm from June 25 through August 13. Bring the kids, a picnic dinner and a blanket to sit on at the Center's outdoor ParkStage, located adjacent to Pioneer Park.

- June 25: The Wizard of Oz
- July 2: Hansel & Gretel
- July 9: The Dancing Spider
- July 16: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- July 23: Snow White
- July 30: Tongue Twisted
- Aug 6: Once Upon a Shoe
- Aug 13: To Be Announced

The performers are students (ages 6 -11) enrolled in PYT's popular "Children's Theatre in the Park" summer drama camps. Check the enclosed Spring/Summer Recreation Guide for information on how to register your child for a camp. For more information, call the Center for the Performing Arts at (650) 903-6000 or visit [mvcpa.com](http://mvcpa.com).

In addition, four additional performances will be presented at Rengstorff Park:

- June 25: Cinderella Caterpillar – at Rengstorff
- July 9: The Golden Goose – at Rengstorff
- July 23: Witches, Britches, Rings and Things – at Rengstorff
- August 6: Pinocchio – at Rengstorff



For tennis, golf,  
arts and more class  
reservations, see  
the *Recreation Guide*  
inside this issue.

# GET READY FOR SPRING!

Do not miss these annual Citywide community events

## Medication Disposal/Thermometer Exchange March 13

Bring old and unwanted prescriptions/medications (no controlled substances or Sharps materials will be accepted), drugs and other medications for safe and proper disposal to the Arbor Day celebration, Saturday, March 13 between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in Pioneer Park, 500 Castro Street, behind City Hall. Place medicines in zip lock bags.

Swap old mercury thermometers for less toxic ones while supplies last. Place old thermometers in zip lock bags (separate from medicines). No other household hazardous wastes will be accepted. For more information, call (650) 903-6311.

## Free Paper Shredding Event March 13

The City will hold a free paper-shredding event on Saturday, March 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. St. Joseph’s parking lot on the corner of Castro and Church Streets. Shredding helps to protect against identity theft

- Shred old tax returns, bank statements, credit cards, confidential papers, floppy disks, CDs, DVDs and VCR cassettes.
- Paper in binders and notebooks or with staples, paperclips or binder clips accepted.
- Limit 2 paper grocery bags or cardboard storage boxes (10” x 12” x 24”).

For more information, call (650) 903-6311.

## Quarterly Paper Shredding Events

The SMaRT Station, located at 301 Carl Road in Sunnyvale, will hold quarterly shredding events for residents of Mountain View, Palo Alto and Sunnyvale. Upcoming events are scheduled for:

- Saturday, March 27, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, August 28, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Saturday, December 18, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Proof of residency is required and these events are not for commercial/business customers. Bring unwanted tax returns, bank statements, medical records and other personal documents. Paperclips, staples, spiral notebooks and rubber bands are acceptable. No heavy binders or binder clips. There is a limit of five banker-sized boxes or paper bags per resident.

For more information, call (650) 903-6311.

## Citywide Garage Sale And Community Yard Sale

Do not miss these two community events. Registration forms for both events are available at the Mountain View Community Center, located at 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue in Mountain View. For more information, call (650) 903-6227 or visit [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org). Both events will be held rain or shine.

• **Citywide Garage Sale May 1:** This is your opportunity to have a garage sale as part of a city-wide event on Saturday, May 1 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hold a sale at your home, coordinate with your neighbors for a block sale, or raise funds for a community group. The City will provide a free how-to guide and newspaper listing of addresses and sale items. Maps of participating homes will be available at City Hall and in the April 30 issue of the *Mountain View Voice*. Register by April 16 online at [www.mvrecycle.org](http://www.mvrecycle.org) or call (650) 903-6227 for a form.

• **Community Yard Sale May 8:** Join friends and neighbors and more than 100 vendors at Rengstorff Park on Saturday, May 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for hot bargains and good food. Admission is free. Sellers register to rent space for a \$15 fee. Register by April 16 to secure a sales spot. Call the Recreation Division at (650) 903-6331 for more information.

## July 4<sup>th</sup> Victorian Costume Promenade

Sunday, July 4 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Shoreline at Mountain View will host members of local costume guilds in the first-ever 4th of July Victorian Promenade. The event is open to individuals and community groups with an interest and knowledge of attire from the Victorian era, 1837 to 1901. The public will have a unique opportunity to stroll alongside participants in vintage or recreated clothing and join thousands of other visitors at Shoreline on the afternoon of July 4th. For additional information, call (650) 903-6392.

## Recycle Electronic Waste March 6

You can recycle unwanted electronic equipment on Saturday, March 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1065 La Avenida in the Microsoft parking lot.

No appointment is necessary for this State-certified program, operated by the County of Santa Clara on behalf of local cities. Acceptable items include:

computer monitors	laptops	keyboards
desktop computers	printers	mouse
CRT screens	copiers	cell phones
plasma screens	faxes	speakers
televisions	calculators	telephones
LCD screens	stereo systems	

Household hazardous waste (HHW) other than electronic equipment, such as paint and motor oil, will not be accepted at this event. For information about HHW drop-off or for more information about this e-waste event, visit [www.hhw.org](http://www.hhw.org) or call (408) 299-7300.



### LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS

The Mountain View Public Library offers a wide range of free Summer programs for children and teenagers. This year, the Library will also offer activities for adult readers.

The reading theme for youngsters is ‘Make a Splash - READ!’; the teen program is titled “Make Waves @ Your Library; and the adult program is called “Water Your Mind, Read!”.

Sign ups for all programs begin June 7 at the Library, 585 Franklin Street. An awards program will be held on August 11th.

**Family Kick-off Picnic:** Enjoy a family picnic and learn more about Library programs on Thursday, June 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Pioneer Park (behind the Library). The Friends of the Library sweeten the evening with cake for dessert, followed by live, lively Latin music by ZunZun.

- **Reading Families Program:** This program offers reading incentives for preschoolers by inviting them to listen to stories read aloud, along with their parents and siblings.
- **Librology:** This original Mountain View reading and research game is played during the month of July and is open to readers who are 8 or older.
- **Preschoolers:** A drop-in series of outdoor musical concerts for preschoolers is offered on Tuesday mornings, 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., from June 15 to August 3, featuring live performers.
- **School-age Children:** Enjoy a black-light puppet show, pythons and giant bubbles big enough to hold a child, as well storytellers, a clown and other exciting performers. Thursdays 2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. from June 17 to August 5.
- **Teen Programs:** Watch the Library website for details about special Summer activities for teens.
- **Adult Programs:** Watch the Library website for details about special Summer programs for adults.

A detailed schedule of programs for preschoolers, children and teens will be available in early May. Watch the Library website [mountainview.gov/library](http://mountainview.gov/library) or call Children’s Services (650) 903-6897 for more information.

## Environmental Walks At Shoreline At Mountain View

You can enjoy a guided walk through Shoreline at Mountain View park led by a docent each Tuesday and on the fourth Sunday of every month beginning at 11:00 a.m. Docent walks meet in front of the historic Rengstorff House, 3070 N. Shoreline in Mountain View. Learn about the park’s birds, wildlife, ecosystem, maritime history, landfill legacy and flood control.

For more information and to learn how to become a volunteer Environmental Docent, call Senior Recreation Coordinator Kristina Rockhold at (650) 903-6073.

## Rengstorff House Exhibits

Visit Mountain View’s historic Rengstorff House, located at 3070 N. Shoreline Boulevard, to learn more about the City’s early settlers and the area’s history. The venue also hosts a variety of exhibits and events.

Upcoming Exhibits

- March 2 — April 28: All About the Victorian “Language of Flowers”
- May 2 — July 28: Victorian Fashion, Head to Toe

For more information about Rengstorff House and additional events and activities, call (650) 903-6073 or visit [www.r-house.org](http://www.r-house.org).



## Volunteer Services – Keeping citizens connected keeps communities strong!

### VOLUNTEER SERVICES PROGRAM - CONNECTING WITH YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City of Mountain View's Volunteer Services Program gives you the opportunity to turn your special talents and abilities into positive action. For more information, call Volunteer Services at (650) 903-6607 or visit [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov) to download a volunteer application.

### CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Deer Hollow Farm** - School Year: Teaching Docents - Teach small groups of elementary school children about the farm and Native American studies. School year classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. No experience necessary. Training and curriculum are provided. Call Deer Hollow Farm at (650) 903-6430 or E-mail: [dhfarms@mountainview.gov](mailto:dhfarms@mountainview.gov).

**Mountain View Center for Performing Arts** - Ushers - are needed to assist patrons at scheduled performances. The next usher training will be held Monday, March 8 and Monday, March 15, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Center. No pre-registration required. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or E-mail: [Liz@mvcpa.com](mailto:Liz@mvcpa.com).

**Mountain View Center for Performing Arts** - Docents - are needed to open the lobby from noon to 1:00 p.m. to allow the public to view artwork on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Docent training dates are March 8 and 15 at 7:00 p.m. at the Center. Volunteers must attend both sessions. For more information, contact Liz Nelson at (650) 903-6568 or [Liz@mvcpa.com](mailto:Liz@mvcpa.com).

**Senior Center** - Front desk - Greet and give informational assistance to senior visitors on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Duties include answering the phone, making appointments, money handling, providing good customer service & making friends. For more information, contact the Senior Center at (650) 903-6330 or E-mail: [senior-center@mountainview.gov](mailto:senior-center@mountainview.gov).

**Senior Center** - Computer Lab - Assist seniors in the technology center working with computers. Shifts are available Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact Megan Garverick at (650) 903-6448 or E-mail: [megan.garverick@mountainview.gov](mailto:megan.garverick@mountainview.gov).

**Shoreline at Mountain View** - Various Opportunities - Help the public by working in a variety of areas:

- **Patrol Rangers** assist Shoreline at Mountain View and Stevens Creek Trail users by providing information regarding routes, park facilities and safety, and by keeping trails free of litter.

- **Gatehouse Attendants** greet visitors, monitor activities and educate the public about Shoreline at Mountain View, a 750-acre wildlife and recreation resource area.

- **Environmental Docents** educate members of the public on the area's unique history, diverse species and baylands ecosystem by providing one-hour docent-led walks.

- **Garden Volunteers** help maintain the Rengstorff House flowerbeds, provide arranged flowers for the

interior of the house and answer visitors' inquiries. Weekday availability preferred.

- **Rengstorff House Docents** conduct guided tours of the Rengstorff House and lead educational programs exploring Mountain View's early history. Rengstorff House docents may also provide special tours and activities for school/scout groups, senior centers, and other special events.

**"Since 1993, I've been a volunteer with the City. For ten years I have been teaching salsa and dance classes. I get a lot of joy working with people and youngsters, keeping kids off the streets and working with families. Volunteering is a great way to help the community and work with fun people."**

**— Juan Aranda, Volunteer,  
Community Services Department**

- **Exhibitions Assistants** provide hands-on support for the installation and removal/storage of artwork and exhibition items at Rengstorff House. They may also collaborate with staff on exhibition strategy, research and preparation. Current projects include the Extreme Home Restoration exhibition, celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the restoration of Mountain View's historic Rengstorff House.

For additional information, call (650) 903-6073 or E-mail: [Kristina.Rockhold@mountainview.gov](mailto:Kristina.Rockhold@mountainview.gov).

**Police** - Home Security Inspection - Volunteers with a background in home construction, home security, or related field are needed to help with security inspections. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment with training provided. Fill out an application form at [www.mvdpd.gov](http://www.mvdpd.gov) or call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail: [pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov](mailto:pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov).

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**Police** - Field Assistance Volunteer - Conduct tobacco compliance checks, assist with outreach in the false alarm program, patrol parks, provide information to the public and assist patrol teams with traffic enforcement and neighborhood canvasses as needed. Requires a 4-hour/month commitment with training provided. Fill out an application form at [www.mvdpd.gov](http://www.mvdpd.gov) or call Gina Kaitlen at (650) 903-6749 or E-mail: [pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov](mailto:pdvolunteers@mountainview.gov).

**Community Outreach Program** - Volunteers bilingual in English, Chinese, Russian or Spanish are needed

to assist staff in providing information about City services at various fairs and events. Requires a 2-4 hour weekend commitment with training provided. For more information, contact Blanca Cinco at (650) 903-6145 or E-mail: [blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov](mailto:blanca.cinco@mountainview.gov).

#### Upcoming Opportunities

Spring Downtown Parade - Special Event - Volunteers are needed to help at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Downtown Parade on Saturday, April 24. Help with set up, decorations, face painting, game booths or be a block monitor. Call the Volunteer Services Office at (650) 903-6607.

#### YOUTH SUMMER POSITIONS

Apply to be a Leader in Training with the City's Recreation Division. Assist with programs such as day camps, preschool, aquatics and sports. You must be 13-15 years old. An application and interview assessment are required.

Beginning March 1, you may pick up an application packet at the Community Center or Graham and Crittenden Middle Schools. You may also download an application from the City's website: [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov). Applications are due on Friday, April 30 by 5:00 p.m. For more information, contact the Recreation office at (650) 903-6410.

### JOIN A COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is a program designed to prepare Mountain View residents to help themselves, their families and



neighbors in the event of a disaster. The training covers basic skills that are important to know in a disaster when emergency services are not available. Formerly known as Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness Training, the CERT program is free to all citizens of Mountain View.

Over the course of 4 weeks, CERT members receive training in earthquake awareness, disaster fire suppression techniques, disaster medical operations, first aid/CPR, light search and rescue, as well as team organization and management. CERT Training culminates with a disaster simulation and comprehensive course review. All classes are taught by trained emergency personnel, including firefighters and emergency medical services personnel, with an emphasis on hands-on practice. Following a disaster, CERT teams can extinguish small fires, turn off gas inlets to damaged homes, perform light search and rescue, and render basic first aid. The CERT program provides an effective response capability.

Free CERT training classes are conducted throughout the year and have been taught in languages other than English. Please use the "Register Online" link at: [www.mountainview.gov/city\\_hall/fire/programs\\_n\\_services/disaster\\_preparedness.asp](http://www.mountainview.gov/city_hall/fire/programs_n_services/disaster_preparedness.asp) to sign up for a class, or call the Office of Emergency Services at (650) 903-6825 for information and registration.





City Offices will be Closed:  
Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day Holiday  
Monday, July 5 for Independence Day Holiday

For Calendar updates on  
all meetings and events, visit  
the City's website at [www.mountainview.gov/events](http://www.mountainview.gov/events) or  
tune into KMVT (cable TV)

## CALENDAR OF REGULAR COUNCIL, BOARD, COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION MEETINGS\*

City Council – Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Library Board – Meets the third Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Library Conference Room, Library, 585 Franklin Street.

Environmental Planning Commission – Meets the first and third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Human Relations Commission – Meets the first Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Parks and Recreation Commission – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela Avenue.

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee – Meets the last Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Plaza Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Downtown Committee – Meets as needed.

Performing Arts Committee – Meets the third Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., SecondStage, Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street.

Visual Arts Committee – Meets the second Wednesday of the month, 6:00 p.m., Atrium Conference Room, City Hall, 500 Castro Street.

Youth Advisory Committee – Meets the first Monday of the month, 4:30 p.m., Community Center, 201 S. Rengstorff Avenue.

Senior Advisory Committee – Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month, 5 p.m., Senior Center, 266 Escuela.

**\*All dates and locations are subject to change.**

**Check out the website, KMVT, or contact the City Clerk's Office at (650) 903-6304 to confirm dates and times.**

### Your Connection to City Government

Visit [http://mountainview.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view\\_id=2](http://mountainview.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2) to:

- Watch City Council meetings live on your computer, laptop, or PDA device
- Access an archive of previous Council meetings and Environmental Planning Commission meetings and view them on-line

## KEEP SAVING WATER!

We have had some rain, but the region is not out of the drought yet! Three consecutive dry years have left California's water supply depleted. To help residents and businesses continue to save water, the City of Mountain View and the Santa Clara Valley Water District are offering free water conservation programs and rebates.

### WATER SAVING PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS

- Free home water audits

### REBATES FOR:

- Upgrading irrigation hardware
- Installing water-efficient toilets (up to \$125)
- Purchasing high-efficiency clothes washers (\$175)
- Replacing high water use plants with low water use plants (up to \$2,000)

### WATER SAVING PROGRAMS FOR BUSINESSES

- Free irrigation system audits
- Free installation of water-efficient toilets and urinals

### REBATES FOR:

- Upgrading irrigation hardware
- Purchasing high-efficiency commercial clothes washers (\$400)
- Replacing high water use plants with low water use plants (up to \$20,000)
- Installing weather-based irrigation controllers

For more information, please contact:

City of Mountain View at (650) 903-6774  
or <http://conservewater.mountainview.gov>

Santa Clara Valley Water District at 408-265-2607, ext. 2554  
or <http://www.valleywater.org/programs/waterconservation.aspx>



*The View* newsletter is part of the City's community outreach and information program. Should you have any questions about the latest issue of *The View*, please call (650) 903-6210 or send an E-mail to: [kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov](mailto:kimberly.thomas@mountainview.gov)

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Electronic Waste Recycling Event – March 6, 1065 La Avenida in the Microsoft parking lot, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Arbor Day Celebration – March 13, Pioneer Park, 10:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Paper Shredding Event – March 13, St. Joseph's Church on Castro Street, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Safe Medication Disposal and Thermometer Exchange – March 13, Pioneer Park, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Downtown Parade, April 24, Castro Street and Pioneer Park, noon to 3:00 p.m.
- Citywide Garage Sale – May 1, throughout Mountain View, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Community Yard Sale – May 8, Rengstorff Park, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Library Family Picnic - June 10, Mountain View Library, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Victorian Costume Promenade – July 4, Shoreline at Mountain View, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop offs – March 6, 20 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 15 and 22, June 12 and 19. Call (408) 299-7300 for location and an appointment.
- Bay-Friendly Gardening Workshops, March 6 and 20, April 10 and 17, May 1 and 22 and June 5, 12 and 19. Visit [www.ReduceWaste.org](http://www.ReduceWaste.org) or call (408) 918-4640 for locations, times and registration.



### Census Day is April 1, 2010

It's important, easy and safe!  
10 questions / 10-minutes to complete  
For more information, visit: [www.mountainview.gov](http://www.mountainview.gov)

## SPRING LANDSCAPING CLASSES OFFERED BY CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

Thanks to the efforts of residents and businesses, the City of Mountain View has met its goal of voluntarily reducing water use by 10%! Due to new State-wide mandates for water conservation and a third consecutive year of drought, cities throughout the State are calling for even more water-savings. In order to help Mountain View to meet its new goal of 20% conservation, the City will be offering a series of FREE landscape classes for Spring 2010.

One of the most important things that Mountain View residents can do to help reduce water consumption is to make smart choices with your landscape design, plant choice, and irrigation. Did you know that approximately half of all water used for residential purposes goes to landscape irrigation? Although much of our irrigation water is needed to help plants grow and to provide habitat for local wildlife (like birds and butterflies), much of it is also wasted through inefficient irrigation systems or for plants that are not well-suited for the California climate.

With a diverse pallet of California native and other low-water use plants available at local nurseries throughout Santa Clara County, residents now have many choices when it comes to designing their landscapes. But where do you start? To help residents navigate the maze of plant choices, landscape design and smart irrigation, the City of Mountain View is hosting a series of FREE landscape classes in partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA).

- Saturday, April 10: Water-Wise Edible Organic Vegetable Gardening
- Saturday, May 1: Replace your Thirsty Lawn with California Natives
- Saturday, May 15: Secrets of Drought Tolerant Landscaping
- Saturday, June 5: Graywater Landscape Irrigation

All classes will be held on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m./noon at the Mountain View Senior Center located at 266 Escuela Avenue.

To sign up for a FREE Landscape Class contact BAWSCA at (650) 349-3000.

To learn more about the City of Mountain View's Water Conservation Program, contact the City's Water Conservation staff at (650) 903-6774 or visit <http://conservewater.mountainview.gov>.

